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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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Prayers in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

To be sung by the entire congregation:

COME HOLY GHOST

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made;
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

SERMON-

READING OF INTENTIONS AND THANKS-
GIVINGS.

BLESSING OF THE SICK.

(One of these following prayers will be recited at each service. The entire congregation will recite the prayers aloud.)

(Pause at the *.)

1

Behold at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, * a wretched sinner who has recourse to Thee and confides in Thee. * O Mother of mercy, have pity on me. * I hear Thee called by all * the refuge and the hope of sinners; * be then, my refuge and my hope. * Assist me for the love of Jesus Christ; * stretch forth Thy hand to a miserable, fallen creature * who recommends himself to Thee, * and who devotes himself to Thy service forever. * I bless and I thank Almighty God, * Who in His mercy has given me this confidence in Thee, * which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. * It is true, dearest Mother, * that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin * because I had not recourse to Thee. * I know, however,

that with Thy help I shall conquer, * I
know, too, that Thou wilt assist me * if
only I recommend myself to Thee. *
But I fear, dear Mother, * that in time
of danger * I may neglect to call on Thee
and thus lose my soul. * This grace,
then, I ask of Thee, * and this
I beg with all the fervor of my soul, *
that in all the attacks of hell * I may
ever have recourse to Thee. * O Mary,
help me; * O Mother of Perpetual Help,
never suffer me to lose my God.

Nine Hail Marys—

V—Thou hast been made for us, O.
Lady a refuge.

R—A Helper in need and tribulation.

V—LET US PRAY: O Lord Jesus
Christ, Who hast given us Thine own
Mother Mary, whose glorious image
we venerate, to be our Mother ever
ready to come to our help; grant, we
beseech Thee, that we, unceasingly im-

ploring her motherly help, may merit always to experience the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R—Amen.

2

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * grant that I may ever invoke Thy most powerful name, * which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. * O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, * let Thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. * Delay not, O Blessed Lady, * to help me whenever I call on Thee, * for, in all my needs, in all my temptations * I shall never cease to call on Thee, * ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. * Oh, what consolation, * what sweetness, * what confidence fill my soul, * when I pronounce Thy sacred name, * or even only think of Thee. * I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, * so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. * But I will not be

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content with merely pronouncing Thy name; * let my love for Thee prompt me ever to hail Thee, * Mother of Perpetual Help.

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R—Amen.

O Mother of Perpetual Help * Thou
 art the dispenser of all the goods *
 which God grants to us miserable sinners,
 * and for this reason He has made Thee
 so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, *
 in order that Thou mayest help us in our
 misery. * Thou art the advocate of the
 most wretched and abandoned sinners *
 who have recourse to Thee * come,
 then, to my help, dearest Mother, * for
 I recommend myself to Thee. * In Thy
 Hands I place my eternal salvation *
 and to Thee do I entrust my soul. *
 Count me among Thy most devoted ser-
 vants, * take me under Thy protection,
 and it is enough for me. * For, if Thou
 protect me, dear Mother * I fear nothing;
 * not from my sins, * because Thou wilt
 obtain for me the pardon of them; *
 nor from the devils, * because Thou art
 more powerful than all hell together; *
 nor even from Jesus, my Judge himself, *
 because by one prayer from Thee * He

will be appeased. * But one thing I
fear, * that in the hour of temptation * I
may neglect to call on Thee * and thus
perish miserably. * Obtain for me, then,
the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus,
* final perseverance, * and the grace to
have recourse to Thee, * O Mother of
Perpetual Help.

— Nine Hail Marys—

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Christ, Who hast given us Thine own
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always to experience the fruit of Thy
Redemption. Who livest and reignest
world without end.

R—Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely
* to the service of the ever Blessed
Virgin Mary, * from Whom, after God, *
I expect all help and assistance * in life
and in death, * I unite myself to the
members * of this pious archconfraternity,
* which has been erected * in honor of
our Lady of Perpetual Help. *

As my special patron * I choose the
glorious St. Alphonsus, * that he may
obtain for me * a true and lasting devo-
tion * to the ever Blessed Virgin, *
Who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise moreover, * to renew my
consecration * to the Mother of God
and to St. Alphonsus * at least once
each month, * and frequently to receive
the Holy Sacraments. *

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * re-
ceive me as Thy servant, * and grant
that I may ever experience * Thy con-

stant motherly protection. * I promise to have recourse to Thee * in all my spiritual and temporal necessities.

* My holy patron, St. Alphonsus, * obtain for me * the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ, * and the grace of invoking * the Mother of Perpetual Help.

This hymn
to be sung by the congregation standing:

O MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

1

O Mother of Perpetual Help,
To Thee we come imploring help.
|| Behold us here, from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be; ||

2

Perpetual help, we beg of Thee
Our souls from sin and sorrow free;
|| Direct our wandering feet aright'
And be Thyself our own true light ||

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium!
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur; fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum, ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui.
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio,
Procedenti ab Utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply; Thy strength
bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three!
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

Down in adoration falling,
Lo, the Sacred Host we hail.
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally;
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

Priest—Panem de coelo praestitisti
eis; (Alleluia)

People—Omne delectamentum *
in se habentem. (Alleluia.)

Priest—OREMUS: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

People—Amen.

Here earnestly plead with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the kind and generous Son of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, to grant you the favors you seek, if these be for God's greater glory, and for the welfare of your own soul.

Priest—Thou hast given them
bread from heaven; (Alleluia)

People—Replenished with all
sweetness and delight. (Alleluia.)

Priest—LET US PRAY: O God,
Who hast left us a remembrance of
Thy passion beneath the veils of this
Sacrament; grant us, we pray, so to
venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy
body and blood that we may enjoy
the eternal fruits of Thy redemp-
tion: Thou Who livest and reignest
world without end.

People—Amen.

Here earnestly plead with Jesus in
the Blessed Sacrament, the kind and
generous Son of Mary, Our Mother
of Perpetual Help, to grant you the
favors you seek, if these be for God's
greater glory, and for the welfare of
your own soul.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Repeat Aloud after the Priest

Blessed be God!

Blessed be His Holy Name!

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God
and true Man!

Blessed be the name of Jesus!

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart!

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy
Sacrament of the Altar!

Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy!

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception!

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin
and Mother!

Blessed be St. Joseph her most
chaste Spouse!

Blessed be God in His angels and in
His saints!

To be sung by the Congregation, standing

MOTHER DEAR,
OH, PRAY FOR ME

1

Mother dear, Oh, pray for me
 Whilst, far from Heaven and Thee,
I wander in a fragile bark
 O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne,
 So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child, and cheer my
 path,
 With Thy sweet smile of love.

Chorus:

Mother dear, Oh, pray for me,
 And never cease Thy care;
'Till in heaven eternally,
 Thy love and bliss I share.

2

Mother dear, Oh, pray for me
 Should pleasure's siren-lay
E'er tempt Thy child to wander far
 From virtue's path away.
When thorns beset life's devious way
 And darkling waters flow,
Then, Mary, aid Thy weeping child,
 Thyself, a mother show.

HOLY GOD,
WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.

Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising.

Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Prayers for Private Devotions

PRAYERS FOR THE WANTS OF THE CHURCH

O Holy Virgin Mary, whom we love to call Our Mother of Perpetual Help, show us that Thou dost merit this beautiful title by continually shielding the Church and its august Head with Thy protection. Through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, which we offer by Thee to the Eternal Father, do Thou obtain for sinners the grace of a sincere repentance; for the dying, the grace of a holy death; for the souls of our deceased relations, the grace of deliverance from the flames of Purgatory; and, for all of us the grace of pardon and abundant mercy. Amen.

PRAYER IN SPIRITUAL WANTS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence I come before Thy sacred Picture, in order to invoke Thine aid. Thou hast seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake: Thou hast

seen the Blood of Thy Son flowing for our salvation; Thou knowest how Thy Son desires to apply to us the fruit of His Redemption. Behold I cast myself at Thy feet, and pray Thee to obtain for my soul the grace I stand so much in need of. O Mary, most loving of all mothers, obtain for me from the heart of Jesus, the source of every good, this grace (here mention it) O Mother of Perpetual Help, Thou desirest our salvation far more than we ourselves; Thy Son has given Thee to us for our Mother; Thou hast Thyself chosen to be called Mother of Perpetual Help. I trust not in my merits but in Thy powerful intercession; I trust in Thy goodness; I trust in Thy motherly love. Mother of Perpetual Help, for the love Thou bearest to Jesus, Thy Son and my Redeemer, for the love of Thy great servant Alphonsus, for the love of my soul, obtain for me the grace I ask of Thee. Amen.

PRAYER IN TEMPORAL WANTS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, numerous clients, continually surround Thy holy Picture, all imploring Thy mercy. All bless Thee as the assured help of the miserable; all feel the benefit of Thy maternal protection. With confidence, then, do I present myself before Thee in my misery. See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; see how numerous are our wants. Trials and sorrows often depress us; reverses of fortune and privations are grievous, bring misery into our homes; everywhere we meet the cross. Have pity, compassionate Mother on us and our families; especially in this my necessity (here mention it.) Help me, O my Mother, in my distress; deliver me from all my ills; or if it be the will of God that I should suffer still longer, grant that I may endure all with love and patience. This grace I expect of Thee with confidence, because Thou art our Perpetual Help. Amen.

PRAYER IN SICKNESS

O Dear Mother of Perpetual Help, behold how much I suffer from this my sickness. Together with the body my soul is also afflicted. I have not even strength to say a prayer as I ought to do. Nothing is able to give me any relief. Even the visit and compassion of my best friends does not give me any comfort. Hence, my courage begins to fail; impatience and sadness oppress my soul. In this my great distress I put all my trust in Thee, most tender of all mothers. Thy compassionate heart will certainly have pity on me; yes most merciful Mother, Thou wilt not forget Thy poor, afflicted child. (Here mention sickness). Obtain, then, for me courage and strength, to accept all these trials from the hand of God with patience and resignation. If it is for the good of my soul, grant that I may recover my former health; but if it is the will of God that I should suffer still longer, or that this sickness should lead me

to a better life, I am perfectly resigned, for I am sure that Thou, O loving Mother, wilt obtain for me the grace to do whatever God demands of me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF A SINNER

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, Thou knowest so well the great value of an immortal soul. Thou knowest what it means, that every soul has been redeemed by the Blood of Thy Divine Son, Thou wilt not then despise my prayer, if I ask from Thee the conversion of a sinner who is rapidly hurrying on towards eternal ruin. Thou, O good and merciful Mother, knowest well his irregular life. Remember that Thou art the refuge of sinners, remember that God has given Thee power to bring about the conversion of even the most wretched sinners. All that has been done for his soul, has been unsuccessful; if Thou dost not come to his assistance, he will go from bad

to worse. Obtain for him an effectual grace that he may be moved and brought back to God and his duties. Send him, if necessary, temporal calamities and trials, that he may enter into himself, and put an end to his sinful course. Thou, O most merciful Mother, hast converted so many sinners at the intercession of their friends, be, then, also moved by my prayer, and bring this unhappy soul to true conversion of heart. O Mother of Perpetual Help, show that Thou art the Advocate and Refuge of sinners. So I hope, so may it be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL AID

Realizing dear Mother Mary, that Thou art our Perpetual Help, not only in spiritual but likewise in temporal necessities, we approach Thee with submissive and humble hearts, because we have a childlike confidence in Thy power and goodness, beseeching Thee to assist us in our

present financial worry. Owing to untoward circumstances which have arisen in our lives, we are in dire want and pecuniary embarrassment, being unable to meet our honest debts. We are not asking, dearest Mother, for wealth, if possession of it, is not in accordance with the holy will of God; we merely beg for that assistance which will enable us to satisfy our pressing obligations. We believe, dear Mother, that Thou art the Queen of heaven and of earth, and as such the instrument and special dispensation of Thy Son Jesus Christ; that Thou hast acquired by virtue of Thy wonderful dignity, a sweet jurisdiction over all creation. We believe that Thou art not only rich and bountiful, but extremely kind and generous to all Thy loving children. We plead with Thee then, dear Mother, to obtain for us the help we so urgently need in our present financial difficulty. We thank Thee, dear Lady, and promise to publish far and wide, the marvels of Thy glorious Picture. Amen.

PRAAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Behold at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, a humble and lowly client of Thine, who is a prey to doubt and anxiety concerning his vocation. As Thou art the established guide of poor mortals here below, to Thee do I send up my sighs and tears, from this world's tempestuous sea. Knowing, dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, that I can be saved only in that state of life to which I have been attracted by the superabundant graces Thy divine Son bestows on me; my one desire is to accomplish the holy will of God, in all that pertains to my future; for only in doing that shall I succeed in working out my eternal salvation. Meditating on those holy and inspired words: "With fear and trembling work out your salvation," fills me with dread and alarm lest following after the allurements of a wicked world, because more pleasing to my carnal inclinations. I may neg-

lect the divine attraction to a higher life of perfection, and thus abusing grace lose my soul and perish miserably. O dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, guide and direct me safely in the choice of a state of life wherein I may best serve here upon earth, the divine plans of my Lord and Saviour, that hereafter I may see and possess Him for all eternity.

PRAYER
FOR THE CONVERSION OF
NON-CATHOLICS

Trusting in Thy goodness, O sweet Lady of Perpetual Help, because Thou art the Mother of mercy and the refuge of sinners, we beseech Thee to look with pitying eyes upon those who are living outside the pale of the one true Church. So many non-Catholics possessed of kind hearts, with a charity for God's poor, are honestly seeking religious truth, but with difficulty, because they are blinded by misinformation and inherited prejudice. These souls O

Mother of Perpetual Help, are destitute of the knowledge of the one true faith, yet they must be dear to Thee as they are to Thy adorable Son Jesus, because redeemed by His precious blood. We plead with Thee O Mary, for the conversion of all those who walk in the darkness of error and sin. Virgin Mother, as Thou art called the: "Seat of Wisdom," enlighten the minds of our separated brethren, that they may discover the consoling truths of our holy faith, and having discovered them, willingly accept and believe in them. O Mary, grant us this wonderful favor, that all immortal souls ransomed by the blood of Thy dying Son, may soon be united to us by the bonds of divine charity, so that there may be but one fold and one Shepherd. Amen.

PRAYER

FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

O dear Virgin Mother, Thou art recognized as the Perpetual Help of religious communities because Thou dost form and prepare the hearts of Thy chosen children who are called to imitate Thy divine Son unto perfection. Whilst upon earth Thy beloved Jesus, viewing the fruitful fields didst say: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few." How true are these words now. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. Direct then to our community, devout and generous subjects who are actuated by a sincere desire to continue the sublime work of Redemption and publish everywhere, the glories of Christ's kingdom. There are many pure and noble hearts which feel the divine attraction to the religious life, but fear to take a forward step, because they see only the sacrifices but not the reward. They see the sword but not the divine and merciful hand that

inflicts the wound; they see the cross but not the crown. Obtain for these virginal souls, the courage necessary to renounce the allurements of a wicked world that they may follow in the footsteps of Thy adorable Son Jesus Christ. Hence we beseech Thee, O Mother of Perpetual Help, to send to our community youthful hearts, animated with a desire for their own sanctification and the salvation of immortal souls. Lastly dearest Lady as Thou dost know so well the value of a religious vocation, obtain for us Thy devoted children, the greatest of all gifts, the grace of perseverance. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE

O holy Virgin Mary, who to inspire us with boundless confidence, hast been pleased to take the sweet name of Perpetual Help, I implore Thee to come to my aid always and everywhere; in my temptations; after my falls; in my difficulties; in

all my miseries of life; and, above all, at the hour of my death. Give me, loving Mother, the desire, nay more, the habit always to have recourse to Thee, for I feel assured that if I invoke Thee with fidelity Thou wilt be faithful to come to my assistance. Obtain for me then, this grace of graces, the grace to pray to Thee without ceasing, and with childlike prayer that I may ensure Thy perpetual help and final perseverance. O Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.



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